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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving Holidays begin at noon on Wednesday, November 25. Classes will begin at 8:30 on Monday, November 30.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at 12:30 on December 17. Classes end at noon on December 18. Cottages open at noon on Sunday, January 3 and classes begin at 8:30 on Monday, January 4.

STUDENTS AND STAFF MOVE INTO NEW FACILITY

The first weeks of school were especially busy for all students and staff involved in occupying the new dormitory building.

The first level has Housekeeping offices, storage rooms and multi-purpose rooms. The second level is home for the Health Center, offices for Ricky Ricks and Mr. Oaks, and housing for the older girls and their houseparents (Merwin). The third level contains housing for the younger girls and their houseparents (Allan), independent living apartment for girls, and Ricky Ricks' apartment. Independent living for boys is located in the white house across from the Boiler Room.

Soon after the new building was occupied, Merwin Hall was razed. At the time of this writing, construction has begun on the second phase of the building. The foundation has been poured and brick and block work has begun. Phase 2 of the building will have two levels, laid out in identical living clusters to the existing building. The dormitory will total 84 beds when completed. A walk-way from the hall by Mr. Oaks' office will connect the two buildings. Completion is expected in the summer of 1982.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTS CAMPUS

The last week of October was the time for many Halloween parties and activities on K.S.B.'s campus.

The Student Council sponsored a night of Trick or Treating for UNICEF on October 29. Over \$140 was collected by 20 students plus staff. Refreshments were shared in the Food Center following the collection.

The Student Recreation Commission sponsored a Haunted House for all students also on October 29. Students taking part in putting on the Haunted House were Jerome Campbell, Ricky Moore, Tim Jessie, Ottis Florence, Terry Hubbard, Kenny Isaacs, Claude Neace, Mike Breeden and John Short.

All students attended the party held in the Recreation Center that same night. Prizes went to Ugliest--Claude Neace, Most Handsome--Terry Hubbard, Most Original--Jerome Campbell, and Scariest--Ricky Moore.

MAGAZINE NOW AVAILABLE

Cat's Pause, a magazine about University of Kentucky and Southeastern Conference sports, is now produced on cassette. It is distributed through the Kentucky Regional Library f/t Blind and Physically Handicapped, P.O. Box 818, Frankfort, KY 40602.

GOOD-BY TO NINE STAFF MEMBERS

The opening of the 1981-82 school year found several familiar faces missing from their usual positions. We wish everyone who has resigned from K.S.B. good health and much success in their new work.

Leaving the Deaf-Blind Residential Aide program were Cheryl Hudson Abbott, Mary Jo Thomas and Sarah Kimbrell. Betty Guilford and Janet Hill have resigned from Housekeeping. Ruby Uhl is no longer in the Business Office. Dan Begley resigned as Maintenance Supervisor. Chip Brands and Patty Story are no longer teaching mobility or violin.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

K.S.B. offers a warm welcome to the many new employees who have joined the staff this fall.

Clifton Kidd is the new Building Supervisor in the Maintenance Department.

In Housekeeping, Ricky Lee has become a full-time employee and James William Boyd and Dorothy Boyd have joined the staff.

Juanita Rector has transferred from Housekeeping to Residential Aide as a houseparent. Theresa Whitmer and

Katherine Williams are temporary Residential Aides while Tommy Oaks, Pat Sanders and Doris King are part-time Residential Aides.

DAN BEGLEY RESIGNS MAINTENANCE POSITION

After working in the Maintenance Department of K.S.B. for nearly thirteen years, Daniel Begley resigned his position this fall. Dan joined the K.S.B. staff in October of 1968 as a carpenter. He was later promoted to Maintenance Supervisor and became Plant Supervisor in January of 1977.

Dan and his family have moved back to Confluence, Kentucky, in Leslie County which is home to both Dan and Brenda.

We will miss Dan's ready greeting and down-home sense of humor. We all wish the best for Dan and his family for they are special people and are greatly missed.

1981 PRESCHOOL CONFERENCE

The 1981 Conference for Parents of Preschool Visually Impaired Children was held on the campus of K.S.B. on October 23 and 24. Twelve families from across Kentucky toured K.S.B. and the American Printing House for the Blind, attended workshops and meetings on campus, and spent Friday night in Huntoon House.

Boys and girls from the junior high and high school classes gave their time to babysit for the children of our guests in the Recreation Building. The parents had many fine compliments for the students, staff and our school.

PARTICIPATING IS WINNING

Wednesday, October 14, was a beautiful, sunny afternoon at Langan Gym's track and field where students from K.S.B. and Indiana School for the Blind gathered for the 1981 Junior Olympics.

The contests which were organized by Liz Magura and Mari Hunter were sponsored by Convenient Food Marts and the Louisville East Lions Club. Mr. Roby of Convenient Food Mart on Frankfort Avenue was responsible for the store's providing red and green T-shirts for all participants. Everyone was a winner as award medals on colored ribbons were presented after each contest.

Approximately 60 students and staff from Indiana joined in the Junior Olympics which saw contestants from age 14 and younger competing in races, jumps and shot put. Kentucky students participating were Vickie Ward, Lisa Moore, Mitzie Haney, Angela Howe, Lynne Mays, LaTondra Chandler,

Malinda Mullins, Carla Ward, LuAnn Stearman, Kim Clevinger, Melissa Wallace, Ame Kerr, Nancy Williams, Vurah Runyon, Ricky Jones, Shannon Caldwell, Bernard Pollard, Doug Campbell, Terry Jo Bruner, Keith Blair, Chuck Runyon, Mike Skidmore, Patty Slutz, Tina Carr, Anita Mattingly, Tina Mitchell, Mike McCarty, Kenny Vormbrock, Earl Hart, Philip Taylor, Jimmy Gibson, Tony Smithers, Ricky Porter, Tim Payton, Bobby Holt, Carl Persun, Jerome Campbell, John Scroggum, Margaret Mattingly, Howard Stinson, Paul Hubbard, Billy Myers, Billy Jo Runyon, Ottis Florence, Larry Marcum, David Hadl, Jerry Persun, Joe Smith, Mike Shannon, Chris Simmons, J.T. Hill, Rob Bevins, Roger Wheatley, Missy Hall, Michael Cochran, Michelle Broadus, Julie Robinson, Lisa Mitchell, Paige Davis, Ray Bishop, Billy Hackworth, Tina Shelton, Kevin Webb, Glenda Ritchie, Lisa Moore, Laura Davis, Mark Bean and Donna Hastie.

Junior Olympics was a tremendous success due to the efforts of many people on the staff and from the community.

FIVE GIRLS ATTEND CHEER CAMP

Five girls went to the cheer camp held this past summer at the University

of Kentucky in Lexington. The five girls were Shirley Bell, Karen Stacy, Denise Smith, Maria Davis, Mary Hollon and they were accompanied by Mrs. Shirley Mills.

The girls enjoyed the camp very much and also did very well. They received three blue ribbons, two spirit sticks, one which they brought back to K.S.B.

Some of the girls' comments were--
"We loved it," "We wish more people would go," and "We hope to go again."

Good job, girls!

SHOW THAT WINNING SPIRIT!

Sandra Williams

Spirit to win is the theme of most of the cheers we have all chanted at one time or another. I am not necessarily referring to the enthusiasm shown during pep rallies or at actual sports events, but to the spirit shown throughout our day-to-day school lives.

What does school spirit mean to you? Does it mean degrading or criticizing school officials, defacing and destroying school property, or rejecting instead of accepting school rules and regulations? The answers to all of these questions are obviously "No", of course.

Now let's look at the other side of

the coin. Many years ago visually impaired students did not have the opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of education, let alone any other extracurricular activities, such as we do today.

Take our music program, for example. We can take lessons in piano, violin and all the band instruments. We have musicals and operettas so that we make use of the instruments within ourselves, our voices.

Take a good look at our school grounds, for example. Do they always show school spirit? What about the tender, loving care that has been put into special places? The courtyard is a perfect example of this. Notice how beautiful the flowers are. Just as caring for flowers has to be consistent, this principle applies to us as well, to our school spirit.

In summary, on or off campus, our spirit does show whether we realize it or not. So this year, why don't all of us--staff and students alike--stand up taller, say K.S.B. proudly and show that winning spirit!

SIGN ENGRAVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

The sign engraving program that has been started in Mr. Mills' industrial arts class is very interesting. At first we found it hard, but once we got the hang of it, it is easy and fun to do. The machine is very easy to operate.

We can make different signs. Listed below is a description and price of signs. Contact Mr. Mills or one of the students making signs--Jeff Wheatley, Dwayne Moore or Tim Jessie--for further information.

SIGN ENGRAVING PRICE LIST

1" by 3".	\$.50
1" by 6".	1.00
2" by 8".	2.00
2" by 10".	2.25
2" by 12".	2.50
3" by 8".	3.00
3" by 10".	3.75

Name Tags

1" by 3".	1.00
1" by 4".	1.25
1" by 6".	1.75

Key chains (black on white, red on white, orange on white) . . . 2.00

Luggage tags (black on white, red on white) 2.00

Bent sign with printing on one side. 5.00

Rounded corners or beveled
edges. N/C
Desk quotation plaque (maple,
walnut, cherry). 4.00

Name plates

Free standing bent plastic. . 4.00
Solid wood (cherry or walnut
2" by 10") 6.00
Metal (gold or silver 2" by
10") 5.50
Clear plastic holder 5.00

The above mentioned sizes are our
standard sizes. Special sizes will be
quoted upon request.

Colors in stock (except as noted) are
the first color given being the surface
color and the second being the letter
color. If the order is large enough,
other colors may be purchased. Colors
are blue on white, red on white, green
on white, yellow on black and woodgrain
on white. Samples are on display in
Room 106. Signs will be made on a
first come, first serve basis.

REMINDER TO WRITERS

The deadline for all articles for
the 1981-82 "Cat's Paw" is the end of
first semester. Be thinking and writing!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Broaddus	J.T. Hill
Deborah Davis	Lisa Mitchell
Jerry Ettinger	Malinda Mullins
Andy Fannin	John Short
Wanda Gamble	Mike Skidmore
Donna Hasty	Tracy Son

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Earl Hart	Crystal Rayborn
Anita Mattingly	Billy Jo Runyon
Lynne Mays	Vurah Runyon
Dwayne Moore	LuAnn Stearman
Ricky Porter	Nancy Williams
Sandra Williams	

EIGHTH IS GREAT

Mrs. Swerbinsky's eighth grade language arts class recently decided to write on the school year and their involvement in it. The class contributed these articles for publication. The Kentucky Colonel welcomes these writings and looks forward to many more.

"Being a Co-Captain on a Track Team"

I feel that being a co-captain on the K.S.B. track team is a very responsible

job.

It took me two years to become one.

Some of the duties of a co-captain are as follows:

Making sure the team is in order in practice and in a real meet.

Making sure they have proper clothes.

Making sure all of them, including myself, follow the rules.

We run in the morning so a co-captain's job is to make sure the team runs at the given time and also runs the given laps.

Another job is to make sure we have the proper equipment brought to the track.

Other jobs are making sure the team gets up and goes to bed at the given time and making sure we have as little arguing as possible.

I like being a co-captain.

---Mark Taylor

"Recreation"

In recreation you can swim, play earth ball, air hockey, pool, bumper pool, skate or bowl. You also can drink soft drinks.

The things I like the most are swimming, playing air hockey, eating from the concession stand and drinking Mello Yello.

I think the program is good and everyone

should take advantage of it.

---Paige Davis

"School"

My school life before I came to K.S.B. was not a good one. I could not read well because the teachers did not have the time to give me help for they had 25-30 students in their classes. Here at K.S.B. I have good teachers who are helping me to read.

---James Terry Hubbard

"My First Year at K.S.B."

My first impression of K.S.B. was an excellent one. It provides special materials for me because of my handicap, for example, large print books, a talking library, smaller classes and special paper.

There are other things I like about K.S.B. I love to swim and it has a swimming pool. I like the Rec Building. I also like the salad bar they serve at the Food Center. K.S.B. is a good place and I know I will enjoy being here.

--Eric Wilkinson

"Eighth Grade Language"

The eighth grade has language arts for two hours. We have lots of work to

do. Our teacher, Mrs. Swerbinsky, is very nice.

The reason we have a two hour period is because it gives us time to do spelling, reading, creative writing, have reading conferences and grammar.

In another area, we have listening projects. Some times on Fridays, we have a Spelling Bee with Mrs. Stivers and her students. She is another language teacher. It is a very challenging program.

---Debbie Stabile

"Track"

My first year on the track team was really different from any other sport I've ever been in. It all happens so fast. In the first week we had our first meet.

We held the second track meet here at K.S.B. We had five teams at school-- Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and K.S.B.

I really like track but it is really hard work and it really takes a lot of determination.

I was voted a co-captain my first year. It's really fun but it has a lot of responsibility. I hope I have answered all the thoughts and questions about track. You ought to try it. --Ricky Moore

"Living on Campus"

My name is Debbie Kuczvara. This is my first year on campus. I like it a lot being with my friends. I like being able to go over to recreation and being able to be in the activities that the Rec Center has. I like going to the Recreation Building and doing different things like going to the snack bar, playing different games like air hockey and pool and other things.

I think the new dorm is great. I didn't think the dorm was going to be as big as it is. At first I got lost a couple of times but then I found my way around. I like how it is divided up into sections. There are four sections--two upstairs and two downstairs. The little girls stay upstairs and we stay downstairs. The blue and red rooms are down and the green and orange are up. I'm in the red section. My roommate is Pam Rader. She is O.K. I like every thing about the dorm. I like how we are divided. There are eight girls to a section and two girls to a room. I like how each section has its own kitchen. At the beginning of the year I was hoping we could move into the new dorm.

---Debbie Kuczvara

ELEMENTARY ACTION

The Elementary classes like surprises-- and it's a good thing! We started the year in new classes on the first floor instead of the second floor of the Classroom Building. We also received study carrels from Merwin Cottage for each student.

Another surprise for us has been a learning lab. Here we play games and do activities in reading, math, art and listening. The lab is also located on the first floor by our rooms.

We are working on new units in ecology, oceanography and nature study this year. Each of us is making notebooks, doing experiments and art projects for these science units.

Our year started out to be exciting. We feel it's good to be back at school.

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OFF-CAMPUS STUDIES ATTRACT TEN STUDENTS

This year ten K.S.B. students are attending classes at vocational or public high schools for half of the school day.

Judy Keller, Andre White and Dwayne Moore all attend Detrick Vocational School where Judy studies cosmetology, Andre

plumbing and Dwayne data processing and computer programming. This is Dwayne's second year in his courses.

Kevin Cobb's interest is in food services and Jerry Hibbard's is in postal service. They both attend Mill Creek Vocational School.

Ballard High School is where Karen Stacy and Denise Smith are broadening their interests in language by taking both Spanish and English.

Maria Davis and Darlene Runyon also attend Ballard and they are taking science and English.

Only one student attends Atherton High School. Sandra Williams wants to pursue her interest in acting and the theater by taking drama. She also takes U.S. history.

Everyone who attends the off-campus classes feels that going off K.S.B.'s campus is both a learning and a growing experience. We are glad that K.S.B. and Jefferson County enable us to do it.

K.S.B. WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

As the first two months of the 1981-82 school year passed, K.S.B. welcomed 15 new or former students to its student body.

Three students have been added to the ninth grade. Troy Novak is from Erlanger in Kenton County. Troy stays in Huntoon-Up. Carl Pearson from Richmond in Madison County is a former student and also stays in Huntoon-Up. Another former student is Terry Fry who is from Eddyville in Lyon County. Terry lives in Merwin.

Eric Wilkinson from Shepherdsville in Bullitt County is a day student who has joined the eighth grade. Terry Hubbard who has also joined the eighth grade is from Barbourville in Knox County. Terry stays in Huntoon-Up.

John Scroggum is a seventh grader from Louisville in Jefferson County. John lives in Huntoon-Up.

Jerry Hibbard, a day student from Louisville, has returned to K.S.B. and is a sophomore this year.

The Primary classes have several new faces among their students this fall. Shannon Caldwell who stays in Patten Cottage is from Roark in Leslie County. Bernard Mason, also a Patten resident, is from Perryville in Boyle County. Coming to K.S.B. from Frankfort in Franklin County is Bernard Pollard. Bernard also stays in Patten. Ricky Wells, a former student, returns to K.S.B. from Johnson

County where his home is in Staffordsville. Kenny Vormbrock is a day student from Taylorsville. Julie Robinson is from Morganfield in Union County. Julie stays in Patten-Down.

Fred Ritchie from Ludlow and Vickie Ward from Ashland are new students in the Special class.

K.S.B. welcomes these students and wishes a successful year for each of them.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Andy Fannin

Andy Fannin, a nineteen-year-old senior, has attended K.S.B. for thirteen years. Andy lives in Jefferson County. His favorite subjects are Greek mythology and chorus. He likes to listen to music, write songs and poetry.

Andy has enjoyed the musical program at K.S.B. He sang a solo in the State Music Festival. He will be well remembered as "Scrooge" in A Christmas Carol and as "Sir Joseph" in H.M.S. Pinafore. He was a journalism student as a junior.

Andy plans to get a job following his graduation. He greatly appreciates what the school has done for him.

Best of luck to you, Andy!

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BOY SCOUTS GET ORGANIZED

K.S.B.'s Boy Scouts are busy preparing for a year of activities at their Wednesday night meetings. Boys involved in the troop this year are John Short, Mark Taylor, Rob Bevins, Kenny Isaacs, Claude Neace, Jeff Wheatley, Joe Smith, Terry Hubbard, Chucky Runyon, Mike Breeden, Keith Blair, Jimmy Gibson, Eddie Stephens, Jerry Ettinger and Norman Stivers.

Ricky Ricks is the Scoutmaster and Billy Wright is Assistant Scoutmaster. Jeff Wheatley is Senior Patrol Leader. Mark Taylor and Mike Breeden are Patrol Leaders and Ricky Moore is Assistant Patrol Leader. Rob Bevins is Quartermaster.

RECREATION PROGRAM OFFERS MANY ACTIVITIES

Students have a full schedule of activities to choose from this fall as the Recreation Program is underway. Liz Magura and Mari Hunter are in charge of the program this year.

Several boys have been taking a course in canoeing under the direction of Bill Smith and Liz Magura. The class meets at the Langan Gym pool and at Long Run Lake. The group is planning an overnight

trip at Camp Green Shores on Rough River in McDaniels, Kentucky, on October 30. The boys involved in the canoeing course are Boy Scouts and they will receive a merit badge for taking the course and going on the trip. The boys are Kenny Isaacs, Chucky Runyon, Robbie Bevins, Ricky Moore, Ottis Florence and Mike Breeden.

An exercise class has met regularly on Monday nights since school began in September. Interest is so great that a Friday night class has been added. Susan Gabbard is the instructor for the classes. The exercises are performed to music.

Those who have regularly participated in the class are Karen Stacy, Judy Keller, Shirley Bell, Denise Smith, Mary Ann Link, Jerome Campbell, and Mike Breeden. Others attending have been Patty Kramer, Kebbie Kuczwara, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Harris and Ms. Weston.

October events include a Halloween party for Patten and Allan Cottages. The party will be given by B'nai B'rith Jewish Women's Club. Students in Merwin and Huntoon will visit the WAKY Haunted House. A campus haunted house and costume party for all students will be held on October 29.

The Student Recreation Commission is helping to prepare the Haunted House. Representatives on this year's commission are Dwayne Moore, Tim Jessie, Karen Stacy, Mary Hollon (Independent living), Shirley Bell (Merwin), Mark Taylor (Huntoon-Up), Norman Stivers (Patten), Malinda Mullins (Allan) and Denise Smith.

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1981 STUDENT COUNCIL

President--Jeff Wheatley
Vice-president--Sandra Williams
Secretary--Barbara Martin
Treasurer--Maria Davis

Representatives

Junior high--Mark Taylor
Freshman--Missy Evans
Sophomore--Denise Smith
Junior--Karen Stacy
Senior--Crystal Rayborn
Merwin--Judy Keller
Huntoon--Ricky Moore

Mr. Howard and Ms. Gordh are sponsors.

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TOP TEN POP HITS FOR OCTOBER

1. "Endless Love"--Diana Ross
2. "Slow Hand"--Pointer Sisters
3. "Stop Dragging My Heart Around"--
Stevie Nicks and Tom Petty
4. "Urgent"--Foreigner

5. "No Getting Over Me"--Ronnie Milsap
6. "Queen of Hearts"--Juice Newton
7. "Who's Crying Now"--Journey
8. "Lady, You Bring Me Up"--Commodores
9. "Arthur's Themes"--Christopher Cross
10. "Step By Step"--Eddie Rabbit

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO STAFF

News of interest to staff includes marriages and new babies in several employees' families.

Best wishes are extended to Tommy and Judy Wheatley Oaks, and to former employees Cheryl Hudson Abbott and Vanessa Boyd Coulter.

Congratulations are extended to these staff members and their families on the birth of babies--Dianne Ryan (boy), Gail Twiford (girl), Darlene Middleton (girl), Jewell Givens (boy), Lorette Nuzzo (boy), and Bill Boyd (boy). Former employees welcoming babies are Charlene Savot (girl), Christy Bowen (girl), Vanessa Coulter (boy), and Sarah Kimbrell (boy).

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Once again it is my pleasure to welcome back returning students and new students to the Kentucky School for the Blind. I am very proud of our school program and instructional staff that is dedicated to providing quality education.

This year some new teaching devices have been purchased to further enhance the learning process. A new large print copier, a typewriter with audio output, and a computer with audio and braille output have been purchased. Students will benefit from these machines either by getting reading materials in large print or braille more quickly. Some students may even learn how to operate these machines and that could eventually lead to employment possibilities.

This year's enrollment is 119 students. We have 4 seniors, 11 juniors, 9 sophomores, 13 freshmen, 8 in grade 8, 5 in grade 7, 8 in grade 6, 26 in elementary, 24 in primary, and 11 in special classes.

We are looking forward to a good school year and wish the students much success in their studies and extra-curricular activities.

---Richmond H. Marcy

A MAN'S INFLUENCE

"You just don't know where his influence started and stopped."

The reference is to Mr. Paul J. Langan who served as K.S.B.'s superintendent from December 1945 through October 1956. During his eleven years of service, his goal was for students to become well-rounded, responsible persons.

It was significant that one of Mr. Langan's first acts upon arriving on campus was to open the front gates which had been kept locked and to put a glass window in the solid door of the old Costigan Building which was built in 1855. These acts were highly symbolic of his entire administration--he opened the school to the community and invited the community to know the school.

Coming to Kentucky from the Maryland School for the Blind where he had been both a teacher and the principal, he introduced an honor system of responsible living for juniors and seniors. At that time, K.S.B. eleventh and twelfth graders attended public high schools to take their four academic subjects and returned to K.S.B. for all other classes. Boys first went to Male High School and girls attended Louisville Girls High (now DuPont Manual

High School). In the early fifties, both girls and boys attended Atherton High School. Students were thus graduated from both K.S.B. and the public school.

Under the honor system, older students had no houseparent. They were responsible for getting themselves up, to breakfast and to the bus in time for school.

Tests from public school were brought to Mr. Langan who brailled them. A student then took the brailled test to the typing room where he typed his answers. He later returned the papers to Mr. Langan who read and commented on each test and then packaged the papers to return to the public school teacher. Many times this work ran late into the night, and the student was responsible for turning out the lights and locking up the building.

A reader service was also available, for many needed books not in braille. It was not unusual for students to read or type until midnight.

The off-campus pass was introduced in the honor system. Until now, students were only allowed to go off the campus grounds to nearby church services in the company of a neighborhood guide. Students who could obtain a pass from the office

and houseparents were now permitted to travel to church or the movies or other approved places.

Leaving campus for classes and social activities thus introduced the need for cane travel. Valuable experience in cane travel was also gained on Saturdays. At that time Mr. Langan oversaw not only the school but also the Kentucky Workshop for the Blind. Mr. L.P. Howser was then the administrator of the Workshop, and on Saturdays he brought a truck filled with brooms and mops which students sold for spending money in various neighborhoods. The experience of traveling alone with a cane was a most practical learning exercise. The students also learned lessons in poise and salesmanship.

Athletics contributed to the well-rounded student and Mr. Langan placed much emphasis on competitive sports for visually impaired students. The Paul J. Langan Physical Education Building is tribute to his development of K.S.B.'s sports program. He introduced track and wrestling at K.S.B. and affiliated the school with the Eastern Athletic Association for the Blind (EAAB) and the Mid-western Athletic Association for the Blind (MWAAB). These associations, now

the North Central Association of Schools for the Visually Handicapped, included competing schools from Massachusetts to Kansas.

When he requested funds from the legislature for building a gymnasium, Mr. Langan was told that students here couldn't play basketball, so they didn't need a gym. He therefore used private donations to build Gregory Gymnasium.

Dramatics was greatly encouraged, and students presented several three-act plays which were well attended by the public. Students sold advertisements to furnish the money for necessary props.

Music was a thriving part of the school's program, and Mr. Langan hired Bill Mootz as music teacher. Mr. Mootz later became the music critic for the Louisville Courier-Journal. The Senior Chorus for students in grades 7-12 met after school and presented a Christmas program and a spring concert to the public.

Vocational skills were stressed for all students. Chair caning allowed students both to learn a marketable skill and to practice marketing that product. Students contracted chairs to be caned on their own time. The teacher inspected the quality of the work and the school kept enough money to cover the materials, but

the remainder of profits became spending money for the student.

Piano tuning was reintroduced and was a realistic vocational goal for visually handicapped students. Mr. Langan was responsible for securing a scholarship for Mr. Jim Scoggins to attend Perkins School for the Blind to study post-graduate tuning. This enabled Mr. Scoggins to pursue a career in tuning and to teach tuning here.

Building a boat was a shop project that Mr. Langan instigated. He purchased a kit for the shop classes. After the boat was build and painted, it was sold for profit. Learning practical skills was part of becoming a well-rounded student.

Mr. Langan stressed social graces and courtesies as part of being a well-rounded student. Saturday night socials were held on the third floor of the Costigan Building. Both teachers and students enjoyed the dress-up dances and often a small band would entertain. A beautician opened a beauty parlor on Saturday afternoons to instruct the girls in hair styling and grooming. Both Mr. and Mrs. Langan stressed correct manners and social courtesies.

When high school students ate together in the dining room of the Costigan Building,

they were often joined by many of the teaching couples and their children. This afforded a family-like relationship and closeness among the school personnel.

Later in 1952 when Merwin Hall and Huntoon House were built, a cottage plan of living was implemented and students ate in their cottage kitchens. This offered the opportunity for practical experience in proper table manners.

Mr. Langan also saw to it that all students returned home for the Christmas holidays. Until this time, students lived at school from September through May.

A very diplomatic, businesslike administrator, Mr. Langan was a member of the Lions Club and he sparked that organization's continuing interest in K.S.B.

He improved campus facilities in many areas, such as expanding the library resources, introducing the state's first braille switchboard, installing a fire alarm and sprinkler system in the Costigan Building, purchasing a bus and station wagon, introducing the Perkins braille writers, organizing the association for the school's alumni and adding ham radio equipment.

Mr. Langan left K.S.B. to join the American Foundation for Overseas Blind,

Inc., and he worked in Paris, France, and in Beirut, Lebanon. Now retired, he lives in Florida and keeps in touch with many K.S.B. alumni and staff. Mr. Langan last visited the campus on Field Day in the spring of 1981.

We at K.S.B. today are grateful to Mr. Paul J. Langan and those like him whose commitment to the education of the well-rounded student has influenced the growth and direction of our school.

1981 WILDCAT TRACK TEAM

Mark Taylor	Russell Mullins
Ricky Moore	Dwayne Moore
Andre White	Kenny Isaacs
Mike Breeden	Robbie Bevins
Terry Hubbard	John Short

Jerome Campbell

Coach--Kathy Johnson

SIX COMPETE AT N.C.A.S.V.H.

The annual North Central Association of Schools for the Visually Handicapped Track Championship was held in Terre Haute, Indiana, at Indiana State University. The meet was held October 23-25, and it began with the arrival of eleven teams at Indiana State.

The teams participating were Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Tennessee, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan.

Kentucky placed eighth overall, but most of the team showed a great deal of improvement in their performances. The top four teams were Indiana--first, Illinois--second, Wisconsin--third and Missouri--fourth.

Six boys qualified for the meet and they were Kenny Isaacs, Mark Taylor, Ricky Moore, Andre White, Dwayne Moore and Mike Breeden. They were accompanied by Coach Johnson, Mr. Oaks and Mrs. Mills who is vice-president of the conference coaches and will be next year's president.

Only three boys placed in their events. Mark placed second in Class B shot put, fifth in standing triple jump and fourth in standing long jump. Ricky placed fifth in Class C shot put and Andre placed third in Class C shot put.

Even though K.S.B. took eighth, everyone enjoyed the meet and the trip, and we look forward to participating next year.

LOCATS PLACE THIRD IN TENNESSEE MEET

On September 8, the K.S.B. track team attended a track meet at the Tennessee School for the Blind in Nashville, Tennessee. The schools participating were Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky.

The final team standings were Indiana--first with 114 points, Ohio--second with 60 points, Kentucky--third with 53 points and Tennessee--fourth with 51 points.

The high point scorer for Kentucky was Mark Taylor who participated in Class B. Mark scored a total of 12 points in the meet.

KENTUCKY HOSTS FIVE-WAY MEET

On September 25, Kentucky hosted its first and only home meet of the season. The teams attending were Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky.

Even though they arrived late, Indiana was able to pull off another big victory, leaving the tournament with 102 points and another first place victory. Wisconsin placed second with 86 points, Illinois had 78 points, Ohio scored 50 and Kentucky, with a very young team, took fifth with 41 points.

However, this was only the second meet of the year and we expect everyone to

improve in the meets to come.

K.S.B. TAKES THIRD IN INDIANA

On October 9 and 10, K.S.B. went to the Indiana Invitational Track Meet. This meet is held at the Indiana School for the Blind in Indianapolis.

Only three schools attended, and they were Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Indiana won with considerable ease and Ohio took second. Kentucky took third, but everyone showed considerable improvement in their performances.
